Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Roxy Stoltenburg was the first born child of Rolla and Betty Stoltenburg of rural Watertown, South Dakota, on July 8, 1955; and,

Whereas, Being the oldest child on any farm means you are the first to master any chore given by Dad or Grandpa, and driving tractors, trucks, swathers, and combines was glorious work compared to milking cows and picking rocks; and,

Whereas, Roxy took those life skills with her to South Dakota State University where she attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and also, in a moment of weakness said "I Do's" with her husband, Curt; and,

Whereas, Roxy began a 30-year career of public service at the University of Nebraska, and she and Curt welcomed the arrival of their son, Jeffrey; and,

Whereas, In 1983, the family moved to Pierre and Roxy joined the South Dakota Department of Water and Natural Resources where she managed press relations for a number of colorful department secretaries, met some of South Dakota's environmental activists (remember the Chernobyl poster child?), later joined staff working for South Dakota's Attorney General, and during this time period, she and Curt welcomed their daughter, Jenna, into this world; and,

Whereas, Roxy put her farm-grown common sense, instincts, and sense of humor to work the past eight years as a senior staffer in the Governor's Office, balancing the demands of her career against the important responsibilities of motherhood in an exemplary manner; and,

Whereas, Now it is time for Roxy to enjoy the fruits of her labors and spend more time in the great outdoors taking advantage of everything the mighty Missouri River has to offer; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize Roxy's contribution to the state of South Dakota on the occasion of her retirement on January 7, 2011:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 7, 2011, as

ROXY EVERSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State